

The PSALMS of David – Lesson 3

Historical Psalms of David:

Many of David's Psalms do not specify an exact historical event in his life; however, some of the Psalms include a heading that is part of the original writings that refer to a specific event. This makes it easier for us to connect the Psalm to the historical event in David's life. In this lesson we will first look at two historical Psalms (51 and 52) with such connections. Two other examples (not covered in detail here) are given in Psalms 57 and 59. In other Psalms David pens his thoughts relating to other events in his life that are NOT specified. These Psalms are useful to us as we look at the principles given. Read the Psalms and answer the questions.

Psalm 51

A Psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet went to him, after he had gone into Bathsheba. (1 Samuel 11 and 12)

1. What does David do when confronted with his sin? (v 1-2)
2. According to verse 6, what makes God delighted?
3. What does David ask God to do for him in verse 6?
4. What is taken from us when we sin according to verse 12?
5. What's the solution for us when we sin? (v. 7-12)
6. When we know God's forgiveness and grace, what does that lead to? (v. 13-15)
7. What sacrifices does God want from His people today? (v. 17)

Psalm 52

A Maskil of David, when Doeg, the Edomite, came and told Saul, "David has come to the house of Ahimelech". (1 Samuel 22:9)

1. What can we learn about the wicked from this Psalm?

Vs. 1 – 4

Vs. 5

Vs. 7

2. What can we learn about the righteous from this Psalm?

Vs. 6

Vs. 8

Vs. 9

3. What can we learn about God from this Psalm?

Vs. 1

Vs. 5

Vs. 8

Vs. 9

Psalm 57

1. What event in David's life is given in the heading for this Psalm?

2. Where in the Old Testament is this event found? (book/chapter/verses)

Psalm 59

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2. Where in the Old Testament is this event found? (book/chapter/verses)